## AMERICA ENTERS THE WAR

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A Senator from Arizona told me that the copper workers are receiving more than $5 a day with a rise in pay dependent on the rise in *Activity of* the price of copper. The I.W.W. act- *pro-Germans* ing on the instigation of Sinn Feiners, led by Larkin, were organising strikes. Strikes also threatened among the dockers and shipping men. The Mexicans working in Texas are being urged to quit for fear of enlistment, leaving the cotton fields without the necessary labour. The Irish are especially active under the leadership of priests who for instance are warning the Irish cooks not to economise food because it would help the English.

Congress is very reluctant to pass a Food Control Bill and there is every prospect of a long delay.

*There seems no likelihood that Congress will adjourn at any near date. There is much uncertainty still as to the form of organisation which will be adopted in many Departments most important in the conduct of the War.*

*There seems to be a general agreement that Public opinion public opinion is still largely apathetic as to apathetic the War and that it is not yet realised what are the obligations incurred by the U.S.G.*

We cannot explain this matter which it is for the Americans themselves to explain to each other.

But we should realise the great difficulty in which the Government is placed and especially with regard to public opinion and Congress. The President so far has been able to induce Congress to accept his measures in the main because public opinion is on his side. But he cannot go further than public opinion wants him to* The situation may change when the casualty lists arrive. They may serve as an incentive or as a deterrent. You